

**TOWN OF UNION**  
**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**  
**Minutes of Thursday, January 8, 2015**

The Town of Union monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Kendall Schneider at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at the Evansville Fire Station, Water Street Evansville, WI. Members in attendance included Chairman Schneider, Supervisor Kim Gruebling, Treasurer Sharon Franklin, Clerk Bridgit Larsen, and Building Inspector Bob Fahey. Supervisor George Franklin and Constable Eric Larsen were absent. Plan Commission Chair, Alvin Francis was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Clerk's minutes (December 4, 2014)**

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meeting made by Gruebling. Second by Schneider. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer's report**

Treasurer Sharon Franklin reported balances as of December 30, 2014:

Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 12,484.42
UB&T Money Market Sweep Account	\$ 1,886,261.47
UB&T Checking Account	\$ 16,500.00
Wayne Disch Memorial Park Fund	\$ 3,218.62
Morning Ridge Stub Road CD	\$ 20,981.48

Escrow Accounts:	
Mastec, LLC	\$ 207.04

**Constable's report**

No activity to report.

**Building Inspector's report**

Building Inspector Bob Fahey reported permits issued in **December**:

Date	Permit #	Parcel #	Name	Address	Description	New Home? 1=Y	Construction Cost	Permit Fee \$	Inspector's Fee Due
12/6/2014	14-39-B		Mark & Carla Sendelbach	15939 W Union Rd	Basement remodel & elect svc upgrade		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 110.00
12/23/2014	14-40-B		Lloyds Plbg & Htg/ Beth Furehtneicht	18336 W Evansville/Brooklyn	Furance & Water Htr		\$ 7,900.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 110.00
Totals							\$ 10,900.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 220.00
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS				Total Driveway & Building Permits Issued		43	\$ 753,793.00	\$ 5,920.46	\$ 5,139.88
DECEMBER 2012 TOTALS				Total Driveway & Building Permits Issued		2	\$ 10,900.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 220.00

Gruebling noticed a resident in the Morning Ridge development with major truck traffic and notified Fahey. Fahey investigated and made the resident aware of the permit process for running a business from a home. The resident was indeed running a business out of his house.

Fahey mentioned that next month (the Plan Commission will be reviewing the James L. Crans Conditional Use Permit request. Crans needs permission to have a building on his property zoned "lowland conservancy area." Fahey suggested the "low land conservancy" zoning be addressed by the Boards since he is unable to issue a building permit to residents that will want to build in these designated areas.

### **Public Comment**

Larry Schwartzlow, 121 Crawford Street, Evansville, was present to address the Peg Berg Trust property's fencing project that was on the Board's agenda in December. Schwartzlow is one of eight owners of the property that runs parallel and shares a fence with the Peg Berg Trust property maintained by Roger Berg.

Schwartzlow's stated he is concerned he was misrepresented after reading the December meeting minutes on line.

Schwartzlow stated he has an interest in being a good neighbor and wanted to meet with the Board and explain to them how he interprets the potential project. Schwartzlow stated he saw Berg late last year and when Berg asked him about getting the fencing completed, he told him he had not yet heard back from the other 7 owners of the property.

Schwartzlow did want to state that he has concerns about the 1250 feet of fencing his property will be responsible for funding since he is not convinced the fencing will serve his property, and that it may only benefit Berg's property so that he can make cattle pens for his cattle. Schwartzlow is also questioning whether the proposed fencing company is a good fit.

Schneider informed Schwartzlow that Berg attended a Board meeting in November after Supervisor Franklin's recommendation and that there was not a Board action taken on the project. He also informed Schwartzlow that if Town of Union Supervisor's view the potential fencing area when weather permits, the billing time and mileage is at the expense of land owners according to the set fees of the Town of Union.

Schwartzlow has not come to a decision since he's talked to Berg in 2014 and he is not interested in taking legal action to reach a decision.

### **Recycling Center Update**

Krueger stated the holiday weekends have been very busy since citizens had extra garbage and the weather was pleasant for drop offs.

Krueger wants to start planning now for items that need to be in place for the summer months. Schneider suggested making a list of items the Recycling Center employees would like done and giving it to the Supervisors.

Krueger is concerned about the available space in the shed at the Recycling Center. Patrolman Wiser stated that the shed is not large enough to hold a future wall and all his equipment for roadwork.

Wiser would like a special meeting set to discuss the issues since there are many decisions to be made.

Schneider stated that the original purpose of the wall was to hold aluminum cans for recycling. Schneider said a major factor in the shed's construction was receiving funding from the DNR.

Krueger said the existing small shed that holds aluminum is in jeopardy. Schneider reminded Krueger that an aluminum can receptacle must be "contained." Krueger stated that the township is losing cans

every week to the recycling bins. Ed Levin currently picks up cans and it must be a substantial amount in order to make it feasible for the pickup and delivery.

Krueger was approached by a Boy Scout Leader that offered to have the Scout pack clean up the debris around the Recycling area grounds in trade for the aluminum cans.

Krueger said the Recycle Center will be less active now that the holidays are over and the next big weekend is Mother's Day.

### **Road Work/Snowplowing**

Schneider spoke with the Tuckers and their vehicles have been moved out of the road.

Wiser asked that someone speak with Bob Janes about the snow from his driveway which Janes plows to the opposite side of the road. Wiser needs the clearance for the snow blade on the plow on the opposite side of Janes's driveway. Wiser suggested having the snow pushing the plowed driveway snow toward the ditch.

Wiser wanted the Board to remember that February and March is the time to purchase material for the coming winter months. Wiser also said that Footville Trucking is not interested in ordering salt-mix material for the Town of Union in 2015.

Wiser noted that as a municipality, Union would be given better pricing over Footville Trucking if they were registered with the State's bidding process. Wiser would like to not store the salt at Footville Trucking's facility since there is too much traffic there and it would be in Union's best interest to store their own supply.

Wiser would like a special meeting to make these decisions.

Gruebling asked Wiser if Dunkirk built their own storage shed for salt-mix. Wiser said he will be inspecting it soon and Rutland is currently building their own salt mix storage facility. Wiser is anxious to see their facilities to collect ideas.

Franklin asked how soon Wiser will need a special meeting. Wiser said he had transferred his requests and ideas onto the Board and would like a meeting soon since ordering of salt-mix is next month.

Gruebling stated that he does not see a storage shed being constructed in the Town of Union's near future since the front-loader is not paid off.

Wiser reminded the board that the current plow will not last many years.

Schneider stated that leasing may be the route the Township needs to take on a future plow since it is easier on payments.

### **Board Action: Adoption of 0.25 cent raise to Recycling Center employees.**

Gruebling made the motion that the Recycling Center employees receive a 0.25 pay increase on the first of January 2015. Schneider second motion. Motion passed.

### **Pay Bills**

Gruebling made a motion to begin paying bills. Schneider to second.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Schneider/Gruebling. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Bridgit Larsen

*Note: minutes are considered draft until reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a properly noticed meeting.*

